ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

OLD CRYPTIANS’ CLUB

KINGSHOLM GLOUCESTER SATURDAY 21st MARCH 2015

At 1845 hrs

PRESENT:

The President, Vice President and sixteen members.

APOLOGIES:

Messrs Bramley, Creek, Crowe, Hall, Holliday, Howarth, Hunt, Morehen, Nuth, Payne, Pugh, Roe and Timms.

1. MINUTES of the 2014 AGM .

With apologies, it was noted that Michael Beard’s name had been omitted from the Elected Committee. Subject to this change, the minutes were read and approved nem com. Proposed John Mitchell. Seconded Eric Stephens.

2. MATTERS ARISING.

There were none.

3. PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

Richard Browning reported that , on behalf of the Old Cryptians, he had attended the London Old Cryptians’ Dinner, the Cenotaph Parade in London where Old Cryptians had been joined by members of the school bearing family medals, the School Christmas Service, a school theatrical production, the 6thForm Lunar Project which had reached the Regional QuarterFinals, meetings of the DeCrypt project and the current Headmaster’s Leaving Function.

He noted the success of Howard Allen’s book launched at the last AGM and Dinner and thanked him also for the splendid venue and the excellence of his arrangements for the last Founders’ Day Supper.

The pressing need for a Secretary was emphasized and he thanked Richard Briggs who not only had done sterling work with the membership lists but in transforming the web site to something very immediate and attractive. The meeting joined him in an appreciation of Richard’s work ; but the President again emphasized that a volunteer for Secretary was very essential and he urged members to come up with names. However, he was delighted to welcome Richard Brooks who had taken over the role of Treasurer from Matt Cass. He thanked both of them for their work and the meeting joined him in expressing appreciation for Matt’s figuring over at least five years.

4. TREASURER’S REPORT.

Richard Brookes reported that the handover from Matt Cass had been smooth and effective although the bank was being extraordinarily slow in changing the authorizing signatories. He did not have the final exact figures but any further change would be minor. He noted that, as had been anticipated, there had been a loss on the last Annual Dinner and with the book. Subscriptions were also down so that in total there was loss over the year of approximately £4400 as opposed to a surplus of £600 in the previous year. Howard Allen pointed out that the School had promised a contribution of £2000 toward the book which had been a joint enterprise and whether or not that had come across should be checked. There remained about 100 copies which would be actively marketed with a potential return for the Club of £1500 or so.

There were no further comments.

5. CENTENARY BURSARY FUND.

Clive Thomas tabled his Report for 2014 ( attached ) highlighting the generous legacy from the late Mr RS George but that donations were down on the previous year. The target of 100 living donors was getting closer with 86 now signed up.

16 Bursaries had been awarded in 2014, a catch up process but arrangements were in hand with the school to avoid a future time lag.

With great sadness, the trustees had seen the departure of Howard Allen as a Trustee. Howard had – and continued to have - an enormous contribution to the success of the Fund from its inception and the meeting joined with Clive in grateful appreciation and thanks. Nino Pelopida was welcomed as a new Trustee.

Clive himself, having been a Trustee since the inception of the Fund was now standing down and the President and members joined in according him praise for his unstinting efforts in deploying his expertise and his success in bringing the Fund to its present position. Richard Briggs will take over the role as Chairman of Trustees.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2015-2016.

( To take office from Founders’ Day )

President Richard Briggs

Vice President Robert Timms

Honorary Treasurer Richard Brookes

Honorary Secretary Vacant

Independent Examiner Sam Bullock

Those standing were elected nem con on the proposal of John Mitchell, seconded by John Hughes.

7. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE 2015-2016.

The following offered themselves for biennial re-election:

Richard Browning

Paul James.

Eric Stephens.

Robert Timms

Those standing were elected nem con on the proposal of Steve Mace seconded by John Hughes.

8. DIARY OF EVENTS 2015.

June 29th: Founders’ Day Service, and Supper again in the Parliament Rooms. We are grateful to Howard Allan for making the arrangements, and he pointed out that the cost had been held at £22.50.

November 7th: London Old Cryptians Dinner.

November 8th: Parade at the Cenotaph.

November 11th: Memorial service at the Crypt.

OTHER BUSINESS.

The President noted the exceptional and constant support that he and the Club, and his predecessors over many years , had received from Sue Wales, the School’s principal Secretary. He proposed Honorary Membership of the Club. This proposal was strongly welcomed and adopted nem con.

The President reminded the meeting that at the Dinner, he would be making a presentation to Jonathon Standen, the out going Headmaster, whose tenure of office had continued to build so successfully on his inheritance from his predecessor, Dr David Lamper.

There was no other business.